

***Remarks***

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-11 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 6 and 9 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The claims were originally in the German language. The claims were translated into the English language and filed with this National Phase application. The claims have been amended merely to place them into conformity with U.S. patent claim practice.

The specification has been amended by adding the reference to prior applications. No new matter has been added into the specification by this amendment.

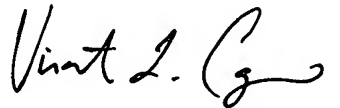
***Conclusion***

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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